

New law merges the Bastrop, Delta-Ouachita, North Central, Northeast Louisiana, Ruston, and Tallulah campuses of the Louisiana Technical College with La. Delta Community College and transfers all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions relative to these technical college campuses to La. Delta Community College, effective July 1, 2012, or at a time determined by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Requires that each campus be considered a part of, and under the management of, the La. Technical College until the merger of each campus is effected.

Provides that all GRAD Act performance agreements currently in effect between the Bastrop, Delta-Ouachita, North Central, Northeast Louisiana, Ruston, and Tallulah campuses and La. Delta Community College and the Bd. of Regents shall remain in effect until such time as the performance agreement between La. Delta Community College and the Bd. of Regents is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that institution and such modified performance agreement is certified by the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors.

Provides that Louisiana Delta Community College shall provide educational programs and services through the locations and facilities that served as the Bastrop, Delta-Ouachita, North Central, Northeast Louisiana, Ruston, and Tallulah campuses of the La. Technical College and through any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of La. Delta Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Provides that any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Bastrop, Delta-Ouachita, North Central, Northeast Louisiana, Ruston, or Tallulah campus of the La. Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of study at no greater cost or conditions than those applicable to the student prior to the merger of such campuses with La. Delta Community College, provided all applicable aid and scholarships are first applied to the student's cost of attendance and the student completes his program or course of study within two years of such merger.

Provides that the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors shall review the programs and employees of the Bastrop, Delta-Ouachita, North Central, Northeast Louisiana, Ruston, and Tallulah campuses of the La. Technical College and South La. Community College and provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of La. Delta Community College.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 7, 2012).

(Adds R.S. 17:1994(C) and 3217.3)